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SOME VERY MEDIOCRE HOCKEY WITH FLASHES OF GOOD PLAY SHOWN YESTERDAY AFTERNOON

The McGill Squad Contains Some Rather Promising Material but the Play at the Practice was on the Whole Very Poor and Anything but Encouraging

TEAM WILL HAVE TO GET TOGETHER BETTER

Some of the Play Last Night Savored of the Football Field and the Good Old Game of Shinney

Flashes of speed, occasional exhibitions of combination, some fair shooting and following back, a good exhibition of defence work, these were the only hopeful signs at last night's practice of the senior hockey team. There were some sixteen men out and Manager Roberts put them through a stiff workout; they need it. On the whole, the practice was scarcely a good one. There appeared to be no system about the play of the various men and time after time the forwards either refused to pass, shot from too far out, or else passed wildly.

In the earlier part of the practice when Smith, Wilson, Thompson and Grey composed the senior line they were completely outclassed by the intermediate forwards, Pontbriand, Sargent, Wickson, and Forman. This was, of course, to a certain extent due to the fact that the intermediate defence is not any too strong, but the fact remains that our veterans made a rather feeble showing.

Thompson in particular was away off color and played listlessly all throughout, never showing even a flash of the clever stickhandling he is capable of doing. Wilson is as fast as ever and is passing the puck more than he did last year. Cakie Smith worked hard but accomplished very little.

The intermediate forward line, as mentioned before, smothered the senior quartette at the beginning of the practice. Pontbriand got in some good shots and Forman and Wickson worked hard. Sargent played a fair-

ly aggressive game and passed the puck with good judgment upon several occasions.

The senior defence was good and broke up rushes in splendid style. They were, it is true, able to do this largely because the forwards had but little combination, but just the same Hughes and Rankin showed that they can deliver the goods when necessary. Bill Hughes also rushed well and although at the beginning of the practice he was too selfish to be effective he improved in this respect towards the end and made some rather good passes to his forwards. Rankin was not rushing as well as usual and seemed a little loath to trust the puck to anyone else, but his play was an improvement on the form he showed in the last practice, and the Victoria game.

In the nets, both Gagne and Montgomery were good; the former showing perhaps just a little superiority to the latter. Montgomery cleared well, but let a couple of shots slip between his legs which he should have stopped quite easily. It promises to be a difficult matter to pick between the two men. The intermediate defence are slow and somewhat ineffective; from the side lines it would appear as if they were entirely unaccustomed to one another's play.

On the forward line, Wickson worked hard but appears to lack speed and finish. Pontbriand plays somewhat wildly but has speed and a good shot. Sargent is not showing (Continued on page 4.)

ARTS UNDERGRADUATE SMOKER HELD YESTERDAY NIGHT WAS AN UNQUALIFIED SUCCESS

An Entertaining Programme was Provided for Large Assembly and Refreshments and Smoker were Provided in Profusion

REV. BRUCE TAYLOR UNABLE TO BE PRESENT

Dinner will be Next Item on Season Programme of Society

The Arts Undergraduate Smoker held last night in the Union was a decided success. This was the first entertainment of the kind held in the University, and judging from the success the idea will likely be taken up by other undergraduate bodies.

Although the Smoker conflicted with the Conservative Rally the attendance was not seriously affected.

The business of the Society was first taken up. Mr. Frank Conman, '13, was elected to represent the Society at the annual Law dinner on February 1st, and Mr. F. R. Brown, '13, will represent Arts at the First Annual Dance at Queen's.

Dean Moyses was the first speaker of the evening.

In the course of his remarks the Dean said that he valued very highly the social aspect of the University, but did not think that any function was complete without the dean.

He hoped that we would make more use of the Union as the founder's aim was to bring the men from all faculties and years together.

No doubt the reason that all the

Arts men were not present was because some were trying to settle the affairs of the country.

The Dean also said that he had no objection to the formation of a Socialist Society, as it couldn't do any harm.

He went on to say that we owed a great deal to the McGill Daily, and that by its influence, the "esprit de corps" of the University was increasing.

The first item on the programme was a song by Mr. Armitage. Mr. Penney followed with a very interesting monologue. The rest of the programme was as follows: Song, by Mr. McGarry; violin and piano solo by Messrs Tidmarsh and Beach; Reading by Mr. H. Griffith; piano solo by Mr. Nichols; comic song by Mr. Lavery; character song by Mr. Spencer; violin solo by Mr. D. Henry and a recitation by Mr. Jones.

Rev. Bruce Taylor was unable to attend. At the close of the program the presidents of the various years spoke briefly.

A light supper concluded a most enjoyable evening.

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THE ROOTERS' CLUB

There always seems to be some difficulty in the way of starting the Rooters' Club at McGill University. Last fall the organization did not get well under way for sometime after the football season opened and as a result the rooting at the earlier games was far from being as good as it might have been. Towards the end of the season however the rooting improved wonderfully and spectators at the final game in Ottawa bear witness to the fact that the McGill rooting during that contest was far superior to any previous efforts of the red and white supporters. Another feature of last seasons rooting was the newly organized University Band, which proved an immediate success!

The first hockey game of the season takes place to-morrow night and it will be a pity if the rooters who will be present will be unable to support the team properly for want of organization. There are several things to be done immediately if the club are to do their part to-morrow evening. In the first place someone must be found to lead the club as Mr. Hughes, who proved such a splendid conductor of ceremonies in the fall, is himself playing on the senior hockey team and as a result will be unable to act as yell leader. In the second place the songs will have to be altered and lastly a meeting of the club must be held.

We would suggest that a leader for the club be appointed to-day and that the football songs be hurriedly revised by him. After this appointment was made the new leader could call a meeting of the club for to-morrow afternoon at five and, after all the practice put in by the members of the club in the fall, there would seem to be no reason why the club should not be able to render effective support to the hockey team.

If anything is to be done in this matter it must be done immediately. Let us show Queens that we are just as enthusiastic over our hockey team as we were over the football team. Remember a little support goes a long way, so, if a practice can be arranged for to-morrow afternoon, let every man be on hand to do his part.

A WORD OF WARNING

We wish to utter a word of warning to the Undergraduates who are considering the undertaking of the establishment of a monthly review at McGill. There are two serious obstacles in the way of such a publication. The first of these is the matter of financing the publication in question. The advertising field is now so thoroughly covered by the Daily, which is a far superior medium to any monthly magazine, that it would be next to impossible to secure a reasonable amount for the new undertaking. The second of these is the difficulty of getting reading matter.

In regard to this latter drawback we are in a fairly good position to speak authoritatively. In connection with the Xmas edition of this paper it was found almost impossible to secure literary matter worth publishing from students not on the staff of the paper. We received a large number of contributions but the majority of them reflected discredit upon their authors and the student body. We were forced to the conclusion that either there is almost no real literary ability in McGill University Undergraduate circles or, if there is, it hides its light under a bushel.

In connection with this difficulty in getting contributions we publish excerpts from an editorial which appeared in the last number of the University Monthly, published by the students of the University of New Brunswick. The extract follows:

"College magazines are published for three avowed purposes; to encourage undergraduates in habits of careful interesting writing; to provide readable material for subscribers; and to express through a convenient medium student sentiment on matters of student concern. It is with the first two of these purposes that this article is intended to deal. If the undergraduates write carefully and interestingly for their magazine the subscribers will unquestionably be provided with readable material, so these purposes are concurrent.

Now before we go further let us make plain the theoretical position of the editor and the undergraduate in relation to the college magazine. The editor is supposed to gather together the material and arrange it as systematically and invitingly as possible; it is his duty to write up college happenings, to keep track of graduates, to voice student opinion in the editorial column and run the joke section. The undergraduate, on the other hand is expected to furnish the substantial, the permanently valuable part of the magazine—to write articles on top-

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We regret very much that we are unable to publish all the correspondence received by us since publishing Mr. Wickham's first letter, dealing with Socialism. We have in our office a letter which would fill at least two columns. To print this would

be obviously impossible. Should the writer care to condense his letter or should we receive any other communications they will receive our careful attention. In the meantime we regret that lack of space should limit us as it does, but trust that correspondents will appreciate our position.

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SPLendid SPIRIT SHOWN BY STUDENTS

Amidst a roar of applause McGill's
Conservative Party opened its season
last night, in Stratheona Hall, with
an organizing meeting.

John McNaughton, the able leader
of the Conservatives, occupied the
chair and opened the meeting by re-
ferring to the large number present,
about ninety men, and to the enthu-
siasm displayed. He spoke of the pos-
sibilities of the Party and of the
bright future before it, and explained
the exact reason of the so-called
failure of the first meeting.

He was splendidly supported by
four distinguished speakers, the first
of whom was Mr. Nantel, who gradu-
ated in law last year.

Mr. Nantel was greeted with a
round of applause when he arose and
after thanking the meeting for its
ovation, proceeded to speak in
French. Although the Daily reporter
was not gifted with the faculty of
understanding all that was said, he
gathered, from the applause and the
cheers that went up from time to
time, that what Mr. Nantel said was
worth translating and he earnestly
resolved on the spot to learn French.

Mr. Guy Drummond, who with Mr.
Papineau-Mathieu is joint secretary
of the Liberal-Conservative Club of
Montreal, then addressed the meet-
ing.

He referred to the by gone days of
his career at McGill when the Mock
Parliament held sway in "Room B"
and remarked what a contrast the
present gathering was to many he
had seen. He spoke of the need of
active and enthusiastic young men in
campaigns of the present day and he
suggested that the Party become af-
filiated with the Montreal Club.

"A man who takes no interest in
Reciprocity or the Navy Bill, is not
a Canadian!" Surely this could not
be said of any one in McGill today!
Mr. Drummond closed his remarks by
again stating the desire for young
men to partake actively in political
campaigns.

Mr. Papineau-Mathieu then spoke at
length and caused a great deal of
thrusting merriment by his re-
marks. He said that not only should
a clean politician be a good winner,
but also a good loser.

Owing to another engagement Mr.
Papineau-Mathieu was forced to cut
his interesting remarks short, but
promised to do all he could to help
the Party along.

Mr. George H. Baker was then called
upon, and the hall rang with the

handclappings and cheers that greet-
ed him. The genial member for
Brome was in fine form and congrat-
ulated the members on the fine turn-
out.

He explained the true principles of
Conservatism and showed that in
every critical point in Canada's his-
tory, the Conservative party had
been at the helm of the political ship
and had steered it safely through.

He assured the loyal members pres-
ent that many things were expected
of them, and said that if at any time
they needed help, they know where to
find it.

He closed his remarks by reiterat-
ing the congratulations of the
speakers before him, for the spirit
shown and large attendance. Need-
less to say the vanquisher of Sydney
Fisher was cheered to the echo.

After the speakers had left a short
meeting was held to organize the
Party. Mr. McNaughton tendered his
resignation, but on the motion of
Mr. Hall, seconded by Mr. McKeen,
it was not accepted.

A treasurer, Mr. McConnell, was
elected and it was suggested that a
small sum be collected from each
member to defray expenses.

Two delegates were elected to the
Montreal Liberal Conservative Club,
namely, Mr. Walsh, Mr. McConnell.

The question of taking up the reins
of government was then brought up
and by an almost unanimous vote it
was decided to do so.

A systematic canvass of the student
body is to be made, and small cards
filled out by prospective members
will be furnished these cards consti-
tuting the voting right of members.

The following men were appointed
under Mr. Walsh, who is acting as
chief whip to make the canvass:—

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3rd year—Mr. McKeen
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3rd year—Mr. Burke.

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3rd year—Mr. Parkin
4th year—To be appointed.

MEDICINE

1st year—Mr. Ritchie
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appointed.

CHEMICAL SOCIETY DISCUSS INDICATIONS

Interesting Paper Read by
Dr. McIntosh

At a regular meeting of the Chem-
ical Society held yesterday, Dr. Mc-
Intosh delivered an address on the
Theory of Indicators. He first de-
fined the term, then described several
of the more common kind, and final-
ly told something of the theory on
which they are based.

In 1891 Ostwald enunciated a the-
ory for the behavior of indicators
which he based upon the dissociation
theory. Assuming that acids bases
and salts are broken up into their
respective ions, he regarded all indi-
cators as either weak acids or weak
alkalies.

When a few drops of a strongly
alkaline solution are added to phen-
olphthalein a pink color is at first
obtained; on adding more alkali this
color disappears. An explanation for
this is quite impossible by the disso-
ciation theory.

Dr. McIntosh cited several other in-
stances in which the dissociation did
not coincide with the facts.

The strengths of indicators is de-
termined by making solutions con-
taining definite concentrations of hy-
drogen ions and introducing an indi-
cator, the gradation of color deter-
mining the strength.

After a hearty vote of thanks to
Dr. McIntosh the meeting adjourned.

BASKETBALL.

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nedy, Williscroft, Forbes.

A Word of Warning

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run that way, on literature, to pro-
vide short stories, which may add a
lighter touch; if the rest of the lit-
erary section threatens to be heavy;
and sometimes to provide a piece of
verse—more often the proof of hardi-
hood on the part of its writer than
of genius. How does each carry out
his part of the contract? The edit-
or is in a post of responsibility and
if he flags immediately becomes the
object of criticism—public opinion
compels him to discharge his duty
faithfully and he generally does.
Upon the undergraduate, however,
there is no such compulsion and a
very difficult matter it is for the ed-
itor to get sufficient material to
make a creditable showing in his lit-
erary column. The result is that the
editor has either to write the liter-
ary himself, and being a busy man,
this is usually impossible, or he has
to let the literary section go and fill
up the magazine with local items,
with society notes, etc., in short
with a variety of superficialities.
This goes on from month to month
until at last the editor gives up in
despair the hope of bringing out a
presentable literary section and de-
votes himself to securing excellence
in other parts.

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to be worth while, a credit to your
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The whole question of Laval's admission will be considered in March, and until that meeting nothing definite can be said. It would be an error to attribute an adverse decision on this occasion as due to any desire not to include Laval. The position of the West Universities on the permanent admission of Laval is not known, and speculation at this time would be useless.

SOME VERY MEDIOCRE HOCKEY

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the same form as three years ago, and Forman is working harder than ever in the past, but scarcely achieving much more. His following back, however, is excellent. Grey was selfish and in addition to this kicked the puck several times, an offence which Williamson, who was acting as umpire, didn't see fit to call. Grey has hardly had time to round into shape yet, so it is scarcely fair to criticize him. On the whole the material is promising, but the squad do not appear to have benefited much by their long trips and subsequent practices. They will have to improve to down Queens tomorrow as reports from Kingston indicate that the Presbyterians are strong.

If the team can get together and play hockey to-morrow night, instead of the mediocre type of shinney they indulged in yesterday, they should be able to down Queen's as they appear to have speed to burn. It is not always the team that does best at the practices that delivers the goods.